

REMARKS

Examiner interview:

A brief Examiner interview to discuss the claim amendments listed above was held on March 24, 2005. In the interview the Examiner indicated that he believed the amendments overcame the cited references. This oral indication is greatly appreciated and confirmation of this indication in a subsequent Office Action is kindly appreciated.

During the interview it was discussed how the cited references do not teach at least the following portions of claim 11:

a data transmission and reception device connected to the communications circuit for transferring data between the communications circuit and an object external to the input-output card,

whereby data are transferable between the object via the data transmission and reception device of the input-output card and the flash memory of the memory card through the second and third sets of contacts without passing through the first set of contacts. (underlined text showing additions to claim)

The Examiner indicated that because the amendment to the independent claims overcame the cited references that the dependent claims are also allowable. This indication is also appreciated and written confirmation requested.

The pending claims:

The current and previous rejection of claims 11 – 16 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b), and 103(a) is respectfully traversed based upon the above remarks and the interview itself.

Information Disclosure Statement:

The Examiner's indication that he has considered the IDS filed on 3/6/03 is appreciated. However, it has come to our attention that it appears as if the Examiner has not initialed all the references of an IDS filed on April 18, 2002, received on April 24, 2002, and indicated to be considered by the Examiner on November 4, 2002. The Examiner is kindly requested to initial all references considered in this IDS, and any other IDS that may not be completely initialed.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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